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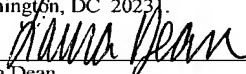
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please enter the following amendments:

In the Claims:


Please **SUBSTITUTE** the following amended claims for the pending claims with the same number (a marked up copy of the prior pending claim with all changes shown is supplied in the appendix):

5. A communications network according to claim 1, wherein the communications link comprises an Ethernet connection.
6. A communications network according to claim 1, wherein the server includes a power supply, and wherein power is coupled to the nodes via the communications link.
7. A communications network according to claim 1, wherein the network is adapted to communicate with the communications devices via a Bluetooth connection, the first and the second portions of the processing stack comprising first and second portions of a Bluetooth stack.
10. A node according to claim 8, wherein the node further comprises a first portion of a processing stack, the first portion being coupled to the transceiver and to the first and second ports, and being adapted to communicate with a second portion of the processing stack located in the server.
11. A node according to claim 10, the node being adapted to communicate with the communications devices via a Bluetooth connection.
12. A node according to claim 11, wherein the processing stack is a Bluetooth stack.
15. A server according to claim 13, wherein the nodes are adapted to communicate with the communications devices via a Bluetooth connection, and wherein the processing stack is a Bluetooth stack.
16. A communications network according to claim 1, the network comprising a number of nodes coupled to a server via a communications link.

REMARKS

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

Respectfully submitted,
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APPENDIX

5. A communications network according to claim 1 [any of the preceding claims], wherein the communications link comprises an Ethernet connection.
6. A communications network according to claim 1 [any of the preceding claims], wherein the server includes a power supply, and wherein power is coupled to the nodes via the communications link.
7. A communications network according to claim 1 [any of the preceding claims], wherein the network is adapted to communicate with the communications devices via a Bluetooth connection, the first and the second portions of the processing stack comprising first and second portions of a Bluetooth stack.
10. A node according to claim 8 [or claim 9], wherein the node further comprises a first portion of a processing stack, the first portion being coupled to the transceiver and to the first and second ports, and being adapted to communicate with a second portion of the processing stack located in the server.
11. A node according to [any of claims 8 to] claim 10, the node being adapted to communicate with the communications devices via a Bluetooth connection.
12. A node according to claim 11, [when dependent on claim 10,] wherein the processing stack is a Bluetooth stack.
15. A server according to claim 13 [or claim 14], wherein the nodes are adapted to communicate with the communications devices via a Bluetooth connection, and wherein the processing stack is a Bluetooth stack.
16. A communications network according to [any of] claim[s] 1 [to 7], the network comprising a number of nodes [according to any of claims 8 to 12] coupled to a server [according to any of claims 13 to 15] via a communications link.